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**Housing Authority - County of Los Angeles**

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: *for* *Rebecca L. Craigo* Carlos Jackson, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS FOR THE HOMELESS POPULATION**

For approximately the past ten years, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) has provided rental assistance to homeless families through seven agencies that assist the homeless and have a contract with HACoLA for this program. The HACoLA does not have special funding for the homeless Vouchers. These Vouchers have always been issued from Vouchers that were not contracted and were a result of turnover within the Section 8 Program. The contracts entered into by the homeless agencies and the Housing Authority guaranteed 25 Vouchers per year and more if they were available and the homeless agency was complying with the reporting and case management. The HACoLA has extended itself to work with the homeless providers to assist as many families as possible.

However, at this time the HACoLA has reached 100% lease-up after a tremendous amount of outreach and issuance of Vouchers. This follows two consecutive years of lease up at 99%. While this is good news for the HACoLA and puts it in a position of being able to apply for future funding, it does mean that the number of Vouchers available to the homeless providers will be significantly reduced.

The HACoLA recently closed the RFP for interested homeless providers for continuation of this program. Seven agencies submitted applications, which are currently being evaluated. Upon selection, each homeless agency will be limited to the guaranteed 25 Vouchers per year.

Additional assistance is provided to homeless families receiving CAL Works through the LTFSS program. Families may receive financial assistance for security deposits, utilities or other more related costs. HACoLA has committed to assisting up to 100 families by June 30, 2003.

Please contact Rebecca L. Craigo, Director, Assisted Housing Division, at 562-347-4880, if you have any further questions.

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